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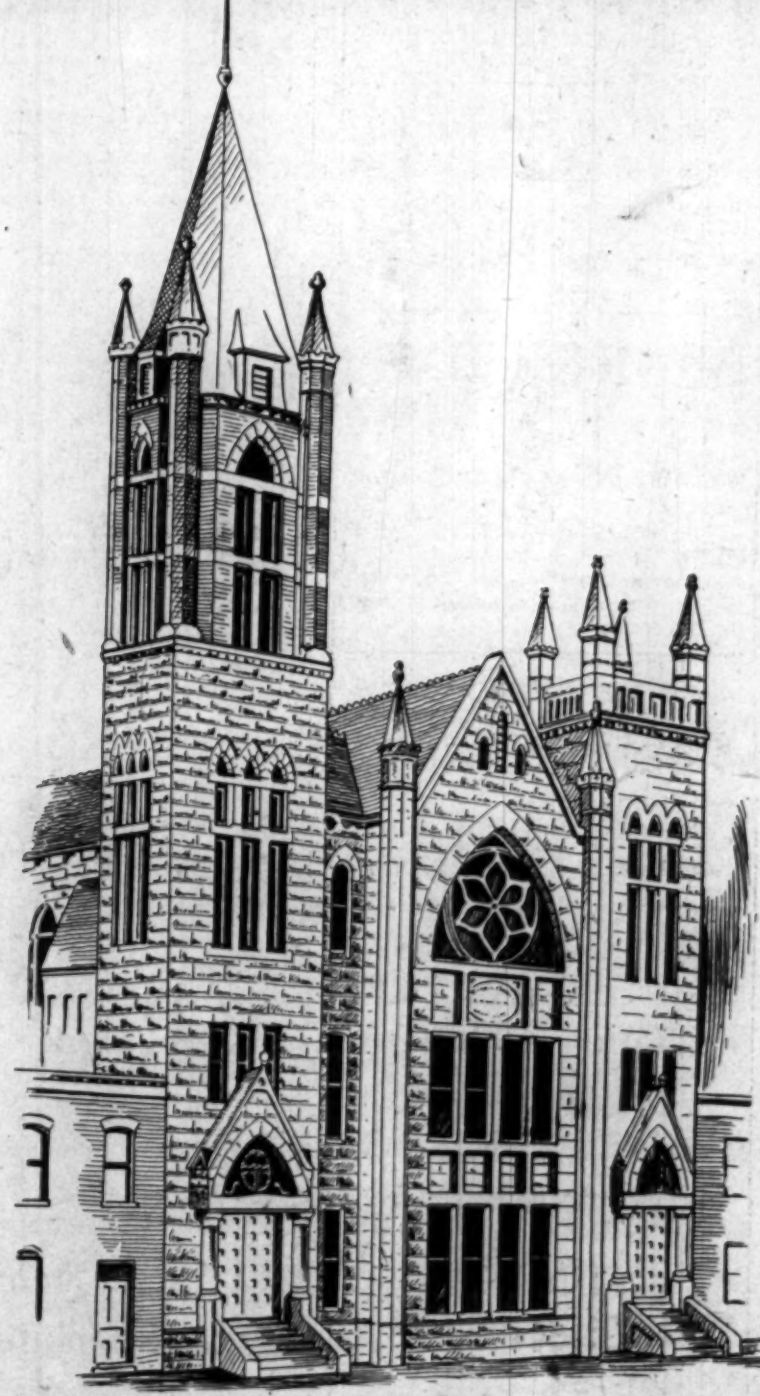
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COL. JOHN W. ROSS.
Will not resign.



SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.





The BEE always picks the winner.

The coming change in the school will be a surprise.

Read the BEE if you want to know what is going to happen.

O'Donnell will be judge of the police court.

The BEE takes no middle ground.

The people demand a change in the police court judgeship.

Don't be alarmed if you see it in the BEE.

Commissioner Ross will not resign.

The people will not permit it.

The President will make a change in the personal of the District government.

Don't forget what you say first.

Some people would claim the earth.

The Democratic party is not dead.

It has seven lives.

A man who has no opinion at all is a coward.

There are lots of cowards in this city.

A coward will straddle the fence.

Bishop Arnett is a politician from "away back."

He knows a thing or two and don't you forget it.

Lions of Georgia is still in the fight.

He will come out alright in a few days.

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The administration acted wisely in the appointment of Bruce.

President McKinley knows a good thing when he sees it.

If you want a great race advocate read THE BEE.

The more you do for some people the less you are appreciated.

Of course there are exceptions to the rule.

A politician who lies is a dangerous animal.

Do your duty to your fellow man.

It is an unwise thing to change horses going across the stream.

The citizens of South Washington are enthusiastic.

Our industrial department in the schools should be changed.

How does Jim Hill feel now?

Col. Jimmie will learn better sense.

We have a man at court now.

Secretary Gage has no prejudice.

Col. Fred Brackett is the silent man.

He knows what to say and when to say it.

Colonel Carson will be appointed doorkeeper at the Capitol.

The Colonel will not get left.

It will not be a \$66.75 job on the dump either.

The BEE is quite well, thank you.

You can bet on it that no printer will get a slice of the Colonel's pie.

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It is a true saying: "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones."



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NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT BY LAW.

Referring to the above subject, discussed so earnestly in THE BEE a few weeks ago, by Dr. J. N. Johnson, wherein he asks for the policy of the republican party and the colored republican leaders thereon, THE BEE has this to say:

"We stand by the republican party and have always done so and we also stand for every interest of the negro race with whom we are identified. We believe the republican party will redeem every pledge made at St. Louis in 1896 and that there is a man now at the head of the party, at the White House, who will insist that the pledge to protect citizenship in the south shall be respected." We suggest to Dr. Johnson, who is certainly a life-long republican and a race man, there may be much difference of opinion as to what is the proper course to pursue to bring the race greater results still and not wreck the party. Direct legislation of Congress, beyond what may be necessary to restrict the representation in Congress, of all such states that restrict suffrage, may not be wisdom.

The BEE thinks with Dr. Johnson, that the representation in the Southern states should be restricted, especially in such states as now make positive efforts to restrict their own voting population, as do Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia, and Louisiana too, if she restricts her voting population by law, as she threatens to do. The Fourteenth Amendment commands Congress to restrict representation in Congress, to conform to the number actually allowed to vote, and we think the republican Congress will do its full duty. In the absence of any further legislation of Congress, however, we still expect the southern negroes to show their manhood and intelligence by fighting for their rights in the courts, under such laws as we now have. The negroes of the south as elsewhere, certainly have by law the same rights as all other citizens and no more. The Constitution of the United States most directly declares this. "Negroes deprived of rights any where and denied redress by local authorities can certainly aid their grievances in the United States Supreme Court." For no state shall deny to any citizen of the United States the equal protection of the laws."

We confess that millions of negroes in the southern states are denied this protection, but the negroes there have not availed themselves of the various proper remedies, and this, Dr. Johnson, who is a lawyer, has often conceded in many of his writings, on the subject, as he appears to have given these matters many years of careful study. The negroes of the south have many opportunities which they have not improved, notwithstanding their vast array of negro rights and the fierce discipline they even now are subjected to. We never hear of their negro lawyers appearing in the highest courts for protection to negro rights to suffrage and fair jury trials, the efforts of Hon. C. J. Jones, Greenville, Mississippi, being an exception. THE BEE will have more to say on this subject in the near future.

POOR HAYTI.

And now Germany, with her great and powerful navy, was anxious to attack poor, little Hayti, the negro republic. There will be a day when the negro republic will be able to defy the world. The white man may continue to use arbitrary force to subdue negro governments, but he knows what governments to attack. Hayti is a proud republic, and her people would have rather died than submitted to the tyranny of a German monarchy.

THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER

President McKinley has the entire sympathy of the country. No one knows a mother's love but him who has one and knows what a mother's cares are. The President has acted heroically, and none but a brave and honest heart could have withstood the mental and physical strain that the President has undergone.

COMMISSIONER J. W. ROSS.

There is no man in this city more highly esteemed and appreciated by the people than Commissioner John W. Ross. The people, irrespective of color, religious creed or politics, would regret his retirement from the Board of District Commissioners.

THE BEE is not aware of any man who has ever been on the Board of Commissioners stronger in the hearts of the people than Mr. Ross. He is a father to the poor and a counsellor to the injured and aggrieved. The busy body and tale bearer who imagined himself commissioner has been removed and Paymaster Darnell deserves credit for exposing him. Col. Ross has the confidence and respect of over two hundred thousand people, and they will stand by him.

There is no appointment that has given more satisfaction than Mr. Bruce's has.

The editor of the Colored American owes Mr. Gaines an apology.

A Chinese puzzle is: "Who was Editor Cooper's candidate for register of the treasury?"

It is hoped that Mr. James Hill will keep his promise with Mr. Cook.

Col. Hill has not gotten over the appointment of Mr. Bruce.

Secretary Bliss says that Mr. J. C. Newsom must be reinstated to his old position. Perhaps A. E. T. Draper will know a thing or two in a few days.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

From the Daily Post.

"Radical changes in the postal system are called for in a bill introduced Monday by Mr. Adamson, of Georgia. He proposes making every post-office a money order office; keeping every railway post-office open at all times, and stations open for reception of mails, and that a new post-office shall be established at any point on a public road outside the limit of an incorporated community, whenever applied for by twenty-five citizens, vesting discretion in the Post-office Department if the proposed office is within two miles of an existing office. For the appointment of postmasters the bill requires recommendation of both Senators of the state, except where divided, when the appointment is left to the Representatives of the district. The department is also required to furnish copy of charges against a postmaster to him and allow answer."

This is a scheme to prevent the President from appointing negro postmasters. Of course no democratic Senator South would recommend a colored postmaster, no matter how deserving he may be. Suppose Senators fail or refuse to recommend? Then no postmaster will be appointed.

If such a scheme is carried through, as the bill suggests, the citizens of a town would have no say in the matter, but the Senators would have a monopoly. The Senators would in this case, have the right to name all postmasters, while the real representatives of the people would have nothing to say. The bill is unconstitutional.

WHAT I SAW AND HEARD.

An alleged negro protective association will protest against the confirmation of Register Bruce. Well that is about all a negro association does anyway.

There are only three men considered in the fight for judge of the Police Court, Messrs. O'Donnell, Kimball and Pugh. Certainly the President will not reappoint Kimball.

The Civil Service Commission will confer with republican leaders.

General Harries has appointed Capt. Arthur Brooks major of the First Separate Battalion. THE BEE predicted his appointment some time ago, and Gen. Harries is to be congratulated.

The School Board of Trustees will receive a few surprises at the next meeting. What it is you may imagine.

There is still need for a change in the industrial department of the colored schools. The colored schools in general need reorganization.

It is very surprising to note the great number of prisoners that are reported in our jail, to find that a majority of them are colored. Are our churches doing their duty to lessen crime in this city? Is the press doing its duty? We should do all in our power to lessen crime in this city. The people should do their duty, I mean those who are not identified with the church.

Mr. Gaines, of Kentucky, will call to see the President on his return to ascertain why he was not appointed register of the treasury. Of course the President will inform him—because he appointed Mr. Bruce, and as there could only be one register Mr. Bruce was appointed. See!

The Hon. George W. Murray is a hustler from way back, and it is hoped that he will be seated. Mr. Murray is a thorough race man and a gentleman.

The politicians were consulting in front of the General Post Office department on last Wednesday. Mr. Gaines, of Kentucky, Capt. Lyons, ex-Congressman Murray and others. Of course Mr. Gaines will be taken care of, and will, no doubt, be sent abroad. The minister to Liberia is still vacant. Mr. Heard will return in a few days, no doubt.

There will be some changes in the District government in a few days. Commissioner Ross will not resign. The President will not permit him, neither will the people.

The people of South Washington are making a great move in the way of getting the children to attend school. Trustee Richardson and Supervising principal Brown are doing the right thing.

ROUNDER.

IT IS THE BEST PAPER.

(From the Weekly Express.)

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MRS. MCKINLEY BESTOWS FAVORS.

The wife of the President has given special permission to John Philip Sousa "The March King," to dedicate to her his new composition, just finished, and which will be called "The Lady of the White House." Mrs. McKinley forwarded her permission last week to the editor of "The Ladies' Home Journal," which will publish the Sousa composition complete in its next issue. This magazine has also received for the same number a new and large portrait of Mrs. McKinley, taken a few days ago in the White House conservatory. This is the second photograph which the President's wife allowed to be taken within ten years, the first portrait taken of her since 1887 having also gone to "The Ladies' Home Journal," which published it in its last October number, causing the entire edition of that issue to be exhausted.

AN ACTRESS AS AN AUTHOR.

Clara Morris, the emotional actress, is writing a series of short stories based upon incidents in her own life. The first of these, called "John Hickey, Coachman," is to be published in the January "Ladies' Home Journal," and shows all the marks of an experienced story-writer. Yet it is the actress' first story.

SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT.

AN APPEAL TO CONGRESS FOR RIGHTS THAT THE COMMISSIONERS MUST RESPECT.

The local Federation of Labor held an open meeting last Monday night at Hayden's hall, corner Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue, at which the subject of District suffrage was exhaustively discussed. The attendance was very good and the utterances of the speakers were frequently applauded. Mr. Roy Carroll, president, and introduced as the principal speaker of the evening Thomas G. Hensley.

Mr. Hensley made a most eloquent plea for suffrage in the District of Columbia, and supported the most of his statements by figures. He said that since the present form of government had been inaugurated the debt of the District had increased from \$3,000,000 to \$20,000,000, and that the prospects were that the sum would be even larger before any considerable time had elapsed.

He stated that in his opinion it was illegal for Congress to tax the property-owners of the District unless they were allowed to vote. It was a subject, taxation without representation, that had caused the Revolutionary war, he said, and even the sense of justice of the members of Congress ought to convince them that it was wrong to completely disfranchise the people of the District.

NO FAVORS BEING ASKED.

"We are told," he continued, "that we must ask for political rights, or Congress will cut off the 50 per cent of the expenses of the District they are now paying. We are now asking Congress for favors, but for our inalienable rights. We demand these things as free men, we do not request. As matters are now constituted we are governed by an oligarchy, and our Commissioners are chosen without respect to our wishes. We are not consulted, but are informed that we must take what we can get."

Mr. Hensley then made an appeal to the people to agitate the question of District suffrage, and gave it as his opinion that in the course of time the citizens of Washington could go to the ballot box and rectify the wrongs which they believed to have come there.

Arthur Keep, Vice President of the local Federation, was then introduced and stated the condition with which the workingmen of the District were compelled to content themselves, simply because they had no vote, and their protests availed them nothing. He said that within a few miles from the city were exercising their right of franchise, and that they were no better people than those living within the confines of the District.

REVOLUTION THE OUTCOME.

He said that if suffrage was not granted the citizens of the District would eventually result from the utter subjection of the right of free men.

Capt. McCathran said that the people of the District had no voice in the selection of the men who were to govern them, and that they could not even select a police judge to preside over one of the courts. In his opinion "the blue-blooded aristocracy of the North-west" settled all matters of interest to the District people in general, and others were supposed to keep still until they were spoken to, which was very seldom.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECTS.

Other speakers were Dr. Robert Reyburn, Dr. Purvis and Mr. Cahill. All were enthusiastically in favor of suffrage for the District. A resolution was passed stating that the government of the District of Columbia had been un-American and in direct violation of the principles on which the republic was founded, and should be abolished.

First, because it is the most expensive municipal government in the world, taking \$28.50 each to properly govern every man, woman and child in the District, while it only required \$18 to properly administer the laws of New York City; secondly, that a three-headed commission makes it impossible to fix the responsibility for any action; third, that the present form of government was only intended as temporary, and was so stated in the act creating it, and that by its action the people were deprived of all control over their local affairs; and fourth, that it violates the spirit of the Constitution and of the Declaration of Independence.

The resolutions conclude with an appeal to both the House of Representatives and the Senate to pass a bill whereby suffrage will be restored to the District. The Federation of Labor, Knights of Labor, Central Labor Union and other organizations were represented at the meeting.

THE WARDEN'S REPORT.

John R. Leonard, warden of the District jail, reports to the Attorney General as follows in regard to the number of prisoners committed and released during the last year: "Number in jail November 1, 1896, 360; received during the year, 3,591; discharged during the year, 3,522; October 31, 1897, 426; largest number in any one day, 466; smallest number in any one day, 281; average daily number for 1897, 342; average daily number for 1896, 398; of the 426 inmates at the close of 1897, there were white males, 64; white females, 4; colored males, 300; colored females, 53; number of visitors to see visitors during the year 1897, 17,555; number of prisoners visited during the year, 1897, 14,000; number of visitors to see the jail, 1,200 sent to the reform school, District of Columbia; 3 sent to the insane asylum, 7; pardoned by the President, 5; commuted by the President, 2; discharged by United States Commissioners, 95; died, 1; sent to the penitentiary, 165; total number in jail during the year, 3,948."

MARK TWAIN'S NEW STORY.

Mark Twain's new humorous story, which he is now writing in Vienna, is to go to "The Ladies' Home Journal," which magazine has also secured F. Marion Crawford's new story, which is tale of the unreal, with the strikingly uncanny title of "The Dead Smile."

THE OLDEST IN THE COUNTRY.

Dr. S. Madden Pierre has the unusual distinction of having signed the death certificate of the oldest person yet known to have existed in the United States, namely Mrs. Matilda Delilah DeShields, who died from pneumonia, in this city, last week at the remarkable age of 113 years. A brief sketch of her history, taken from the Evening Star, is as follows:

"Mrs. Matilda Delilah Shields, widow of James H. Shields, and granddaughter of Richard Henry Potomac, an Indian chief, died last week at the residence of her daughter, Twenty-sixth street, between D and E streets, aged 113 years. Mrs. Shields was born at Indian Head in the latter part of the last century, and attained an age which has probably never been equalled in this section of the country, or seldom in any part of the world."

She leaves one son and two daughters, thirty grand-children and thirty-five great grand-children. Mrs. Shields, it is thought, inherited the hearty constitution of her Indian ancestors. Mr. Shields has lived in this locality nearly all her life. She was born when the United States were in their infancy, and lived to see Washington emerge from a small village into a great city, recognized as one of the most magnificent capitals in the world.

Her memory went back to the time when, less than a decade and a half before, the independence of the country had been announced. The funeral of this remarkable woman took place at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27, '97.

Superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane.

SIR:—Your letter of the 23rd inst., duly received and contents noted, and in reply will say: Conceding all you say in your first proposition, to wit: "That the custodianship of the insane, legally adjudged, carries with it certain rights and responsibilities." But, even though they have been adjudged insane, does that preclude them from consulting with an attorney if they so desire it? Many a person has been committed to an asylum, "not speaking especially of St. Elizabeth" that, upon a thorough investigation, it has been shown that they should not have been committed, or that, at this time, are entitled to a release. There may be others, and probably there are, who are confined in institutions the like of which you control that might be released upon an investigation of their present mental condition.

To your second proposition, to wit: "That if I was unfortunate enough to have a sister adjudged insane by a jury and committed legally to the hospital would I think that a man who has been admitted to the bar entitled him to a roving commission to seek through the hospital for clients, in the absence of outsiders."

In answer to this proposition I say no. But I say in reply that, as stated, it is not this case. It is true that I am a member of the bar and have been for the past twenty-five years of my life. It is not true "as I must infer from your letter" that I have a roving commission to seek through your hospital for clients when I have none on the outside. I visited your hospital at the request of people who sent for me. I asked for them and was refused an interview. I went there by request. The lady I asked for requested Mrs. Deborah H. Carter, (the lady you remember Judge Bradley released on a writ of Habeas corpus a short time ago,) the man I asked for, John W. Rice, late of Co., K, Nineteenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, wrote me through the mail, and I went in response to that letter also. I do not know the name of a single individual in your hospital of the 1,800 or more patients confined there, except those whom I asked to converse with.

If John W. Rice wrote me under a misapprehension I know nothing of the fact, I called at his request by letter. I congratulated Mr. Rice that he is happy, and that you have concluded to release him, whether or not it was caused by my visit I do not know.

I thank you kindly for your prompt reply of my letter of date, November 22nd, 1897.

I am very respectfully yours,

JAMES H. SMITH,
503 1/2 D St., N. W.

THE SOUTH SPEAKS FOR HANNA.

LAW OFFICE OF J. W. LYONS, AUGUSTA, GA.

AUGUSTA, GA., Nov. 30, 1897.

Were I a member of the Ohio legislature I would go to the senate or house of representatives early on the day of the election and vote for the return of Senator Hanna to the Senate, and in thus acting I would be actuated by more than party duty and pride.

I would be filled with the feelings that coursed the veins of the loyal Americans when they enthusiastically and triumphantly elected Gen. Grant in 1868.

He had by his superb generalship saved the nation from its armed foe in a contest that raged with bloody fury for four years entailing the loss of millions of lives and billions of property. While Senator Hanna rendered a patriotic service last year second to General Grant only in that he did not have to suppress an armed rebellion.

The country withered under a blight of four years of reck and ruin. Want and despair peeped in the door of one half of the people of this great nation. Every interest and industry trembled beneath the influence of that unfortunate period.

The people turned as they always do in their hour of distress to the Republican party for relief and the party gave them McKinley as the standard bearer and Hanna as manager.

How well the standard bearer and the manager performed their duties you have but to behold: reopened industries, reestablished confidence and restored prosperity.

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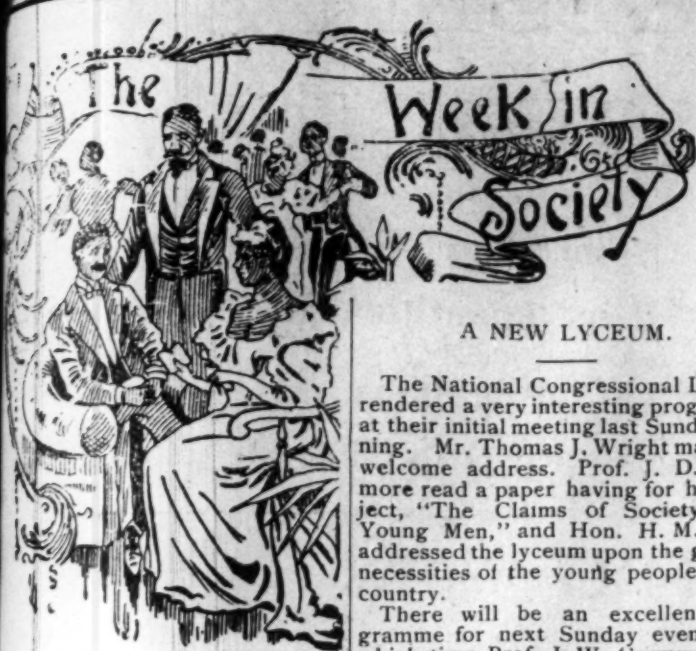
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A NEW LYCEUM.

The National Congressional Lyceum rendered a very interesting programme at their initial meeting last Sunday evening. Mr. Thomas J. Wright made the welcome address. Prof. J. D. Baltimore read a paper having for his subject, "The Claims of Society upon Young Men," and Hon. H. M. Baker addressed the lyceum upon the general necessities of the young people of our country.

There will be an excellent programme for next Sunday evening at which time Prof. J. W. Cromwell will read a paper entitled "Dangerous Tendencies and how to Check Them." The lyceum meets every Sunday evening at 3 p. m., at Odd Fellows Hall, M st. between 16th and 17th sts. n. w. The public are respectfully invited to attend. President W. C. Martin and the other members of the executive committee assure you that the lyceum will interest all.

Mr. R. W. Tompkins will take charge of the choir of the 2nd Baptist Church. Mr. Tompkins is a qualified musician.

A NEEDY WANT.

BUREAU TO CONSTRUCT IT.

Senator Kyle on Monday presented a petition of colored people of the District for immediate consideration of a bill to establish a home for infirm colored people of the United States. The bill proposes the erection of an administrative building at a cost, not exceeding \$50,000, which shall have a memorial hall to give opportunity to all the States in the United States to place in it a memorial of deceased colored soldiers, provided that such memorial is in harmony with the institution. The bill also provides for the purchase of 200 or 300 acres of farm land near this city on which other buildings shall be erected.

The petition was further for the application of the fund in the Freedmen's Bureau for many years due to colored soldiers, now in the custody of the Adjutant General's office for the purpose of the bill. Senator Kyle explained that there were no serious objections to such use of the fund.

OFF FOR PHILADELPHIA.

On Thursday evening next, at three o'clock, the Royal Blue train on the B. & O. railroad will carry away the Washington delegation to attend the Grand Concert and Charity Ball at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia later in the evening. It is to be regretted and will be, that more did not avail themselves of the opportunity to witness this affair, which will be one of the grandest ever undertaken by colored men. When we consider that the rent of the building is \$1,000 and that everything else is on the same magnificent scale some idea may be gathered of its scope.

As the number sending in their names in season has fallen short of the railroad requirements it will be necessary to pay the regular rate of \$6 for the round trip. Among those leaving on the train indicated will be Messrs. Lewis H., J. H. Douglass, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, W. Calvin Chase and Major C. A. Fleetwood. This 3 p. m. train makes the run in three hours with but few stops arriving in Philadelphia at 6 p. m., and all are requested to arrange to go at that hour who contemplate the visit.

THE NEGRO IN ART.

W. C. O. JAMES GOOD WORK—THE COLUMBIA NEGRO ART NORMAL IN SESSION AT CHARLESTOWN, N. Y.

The Columbia Negro Normal opened its session at Charleston on November 24th, with 16 scholars enrolled. The meeting was opened by singing, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," followed by invocation. "Yield not to Temptation" was next sung. Miss E. L. Thompson presided at the session, with Miss Fannie E. Moore as Secretary; Mrs. M. J. Robinson, Chaplain; Mrs. C. A. Nelson, Music Director; and Miss Marion Walker, Librarian. The following is the program of each session:

SECOND DAY SESSION.

Singing, "In thy Clift oh! Rock of Ages," prayer, Mrs. M. J. Robinson; singing, "Nearer my God to Thee," address by the president, "The benefits derived from taking the Normal Art Course." After a short discussion the school was dismissed.

THIRD DAY SESSION.

Singing, "My Soul be on Thy Guard," prayer, Mrs. M. J. Robinson; singing, "When Peace Like a River," after the roll-call by the secretary, the lesson "how to make a seraphy" was taught. Miss Fannie E. Moore read a very interesting paper on pastel painting, after which the school was dismissed.

FOURTH DAY SESSION.

Singing, "Shall we Gather at the River," prayer, Mrs. M. J. Robinson; singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," roll-call; lesson, subject, "Sketching," essay, Mrs. Cora Nelson, "Land-landscape Painting," dismissal.

FIFTH DAY SESSION.

Singing, "Why do you wait Dear Brother," prayer, Mrs. M. J. Robinson; singing, "My lat sun is Sinking Fast," roll-call; lesson, "The Eye," followed by an explanation by the teacher; essay, Miss Mamie Robinson, "How to make a Crayon Picture." Dismissal.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASTORATE OF REV. DR. W. BISHOP JOHNSON AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.—A FULL HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.—THE WORK OF AN ENTERPRISING PASTOR AND A WORKING CONGREGATION.—THE PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CHURCH.

In 1848, a company of believers were dismissed by the 1st Baptist Church corner of 19th and I streets n. w., for the purpose of organizing the Second Baptist Church. The new organization began its existence on K street between 7th and 8th streets n. w., with Licentiate H. H. Butler, as its spiritual leader. He remained only a year and in 1849, Rev. Jeremiah Asher, a regular ordained minister became its first pastor. The church had found a home on Capitol Hill, and Rev. Asher continued his labors with it for two years. In 1850, Rev. Gustavus Brown, ex-pastor of 19th Street Baptist Church, assumed the pastoral care and succeeded in greatly improving the condition of the young organization. It was found necessary to again change their place of worship, so they removed to B street, s. w., between 6th and 7th streets, in a room factory, where they remained only a short time.

Not having purchased a site, it was necessary for them to move from place to place until an increase in membership should warrant them in making the attempt to purchase ground and erect an edifice to God. Accordingly, after Rev. Brown severed his pastoral relations they worshipped corner 9th and D streets n. w., over Ryan's grocery, during which time they recalled Licentiate H. H. Butler in '53, and, calling a council of all the churches, ordained him to the work of the Gospel ministry. He remained with the church until his death occurred. He was greatly loved by his members and honored by the community at large.

From Ninth and D streets the church sought a permanent home on Third street between H and I streets northwest, its present site. In 1856 Rev. Sandy Alexander, now pastor of First Baptist Church, West Washington, was called to the pastoral care. Under his labors, the church took a new lease of life; many additions were made to its membership, and, under his supervision, a large brick edifice was erected and dedicated to the service of God. Rev. Alexander remained with these people for five years, and only severed his pastoral relations when his health began to fail and a protracted spell of sickness seemed to threaten his life.

He did a grand work and in 1861 Rev. Caleb Woodgard took charge and continued his labors, until between 1863 and 1864. Under the pastoral care of this man of God, the congregation increased and many accessions were made to the membership. In 1865 the building having been pulled down for the purpose of erecting a new one, and things being at a standstill, Rev. Alexander, was recalled, and built up a strong congregation and completed the house of worship, he served his pastoral relations in 1868.

The church then called Rev. Chas. Leonard, who remained in charge over a year, he was succeeded by Rev. John Gaines, who accomplished great good, his pastorate extending two years. The next regular pastor was Rev. Madison Gaskins, who remained with the church for several years, during which time it enjoyed seasons of prosperity and adversity, the pastor was greatly hampered in his work by internal dissension and strife, a division occurring which greatly diminished the membership and resulted in a lawsuit over the property, which was finally settled in favor of those who remained with the church. During these hours of confusion the edifice was burned and the congregation found itself without a building.

But phoenix-like they arose from their ashes and erected a new building which was dedicated in 1879. As a result of these continued troubles, members left and formed new organizations, viz., Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church, the last named having disbanded. Two other churches sprang into existence from Second Baptist Church, Mt. Olive and Rehoboth Baptist Churches.

Rev. Gaskins accomplished a splendid work under the circumstances, and retired in 1884 greatly beloved by all loyal Christian members of the church. In December, 1883, Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, D. D., then professor of mathematics and political science at Wayland Seminary, was called as pastor. He found not a hundred members, a lawsuit, and a dilapidated church. There hardly a congregation and everything seemed dark and discouraging. The financial condition was at a very low mark and the influence of the church in the community and denomination was hardly worth naming. But Dr. Johnson set to work with the zeal, energy and push characteristic of the man, until to day he has one of the largest and most intelligent congregations in the District of Columbia. The membership has increased to 1,500 and the influence of the church is felt throughout the denomination in the United States.

The report for the year (December, '96, to December, '97) showed the following: Received from all sources, \$5,540; number of members received, 126; total membership, 1,591; present indebtedness, \$18,500. On Sunday morning, Dec. 6, Rev. Dr. Johnson preached the anniversary service, selecting as his text 1 Sam. 7: 12, "Ebenzer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us." It was an eloquent discourse and held the large cultured audience spellbound. He received the work of each department of the church, Sunday school, lyceum, B. Y. P. Union, and trustees board, complimenting each upon the splendid showing and steady loyalty to pastor, church and denomination. He showed how steadily the congregation had increased in intelligence and spiritual power in the community and attributed it all to the help of the Lord. His peroration was a magnificent outburst of eloquence and will long be remembered by those fortunate to hear it.

On Monday night the Church tendered him an anniversary supper at which the leading divines of all denominations were present and also many professional men, among whom Dr. Johnson is a special favorite. The committee under the special charge of Mrs. Jane Bell, deserves great credit and he fair committee in charge of Mrs.

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If Editor Fortune knows what he says at all times.

If there will be a reorganization of the high and normal schools.

What will be the effect of will Cook's protest.

Why are some men so false to their friends.

Who will be the next Attorney-General?

Will Col. M. M. Parker be the next United States marshal.

Was the last musical examination a fake?

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A colored journalist will be recognized soon.

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The Administration is dissatisfied with a certain colored official.

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Dr. Francis will be on top in a few days.

Prof. H. M. Brown is the coming educator.

Deals are in order and they are coming.

J. C. Napier will go abroad.

President McKinley will make a few more colored appointments.

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Education teaches politeness, but so-called teachers of education do not practice what they preach.

The person who teaches one thing and does the contrary is a hypocrite. Address your communication to the society editor. However, I am opposed to women lawyers; that is, I don't like to see them pleading in court. When a woman attempts to do everything a man does, it has a tendency to lower the estimate of women. The Police Court is no place for a woman in any capacity.

Flirtation demonstrates a woman's character. Acquaintanceship by flirtation convinces a man that a wife of that kind would not suit him. Mary:—If you think you will be satisfied if you had better consult your parents and inform them that the young man is about to ask for you. By all means allow him to ask before you commence to prepare. Your parents may refuse and as they are the better judge, you both should consult them. I don't approve of marriage without parental consent, for when they refuse, they usually see a flaw.

Business:—Because you do not like the girl, is no reason why you should be courteous while in a business capacity. When will our women learn some sense. Delia:—Oh no, I do not approve of acting friendly towards a person when you dislike him. No one but a deplorable person could act this way. Elsie:—I am of the opinion that a widow should marry a widow, and a bachelor an old maid. Of the two I would advise you to accept the attention of the widower. Bachelors are queer, fickle beings and are hard to understand. I would not recommend grass-widowers or grass-widows to any one.

Ed:—Be more steadfast. If you want office stopping to school and work one. It is impossible to take a normal course, study pharmacy and work in the government service and make success of all.

Inquirer:—Just why Mrs. Terrell resigned the control of the Love Joy school, I suppose, best known to herself. She gave her reason at the board meeting, which was possibly true. Oh yes, she is a thoroughly educated woman, but just whether or not she is easy to approach, I am not able to state.

Trustee Brown's point to confine the position of musical director to the four teachers now in school, was well taken. Since we are to have an examination, an opinion that the one who makes the highest percentage should have the place, be it a woman or man. Some of the contestants naturally have a gift for music, while the others are book-learned.

Allie:—A good housekeeper, knows how to economize and once recognizing this spirit in a house-wife, the husband will entrust his saving to her care. Girls never see their folly until it is too late. Don't be carried away with a man because he spends his money for such men usually do so to make an impression.

T:—It is not customary for a gentleman to give a lady anything in the line of wearing apparel as a present. I have known some to give gloves, but I do not approve of it.

Never speak ill of a person without a cause.

T:—Money makes some people love their heads, and a good position sets them crazy. One should never forget from whence he came.

Education without manners and refinement shows a lack of good home training. Good rearing doesn't always speak for itself, because one out of three daughters or a son is bound to go astray, matters not what the teachings may be.

Inez:—I see no harm in going to the matinee. If it is against the discipline of your church, you should not go, as when you joined the church you promised to abide by the rules. I have seen trustees of churches and even preachers at theatres, but this is no example for you. Where the sin comes in is to say you will refrain and then do the contrary.

B:—Since he seemingly likes another girl, you should break the engagement before he has a chance to do it. A man who tries to pay attention to two girls at once, cares for neither.

J:—Out of a little, one should always save a little. Any one earning a regular salary can accumulate a home.

L. B.:—A good man skilled in speaking makes a fine orator. Don't consider yourself an orator because you read well, an essay, neither think you are an elocutionist because your gestures are many.

Helen:—Do not buy needless things even if they are pretty and cheap. Nothing is cheap that you don't want.

Bride:—Have your dress made with a detachable train, as it will be more serviceable. By all means have it cut high in the neck. Brides should look as modest as possible. White satin is always in vogue for such occasions.

Gossip:—When you are talking about other people's affairs, remember that your own business is going on.

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SECRET ORDERS.

EDITORIAL SYNOPSIS.

Our friends, S. E., think because we have been quiet of late that they have us, as they claim, on the run. We stated on the jump, that we had two flags flying from our mast, one red and one black. All who have sailed the ocean blue know the meaning of the black and red flags flying from the mast. In the future, if our friends don't cease firing and trying to attend to our business we will explode a bomb under their magazine that will cause an explosion. The reason why we have been so quiet is because we are making men; we promised several months ago to outnumber our friends 6 to 1, and we propose to do it. I will suggest to several religious christians Sir Knights to stop playing with the truth like they have been doing, and try and pay more attention to the work of God. Also, when men call themselves Masons and men, be men, and stop telling Masonic business to profanes. If these gents are going to act like monkeys why please exhibit that part which distinguishes the monkey. Every day we meet profanes who can tell us more Masonic business than Masons can, relative to the compromise act, and taking back all the old men and letting the newly made remain out. I will state that our flags are nailed to the mast. Listen in time to the advice of the craftsman, and stop monkey business and niggardism.

GEMS FROM THE QUARRIES.

The following additional names were elected members of the Soterign College of Allied Masonic Degrees for North America: Col. James Lewis, 33°, of Providence, R. I.; John C. Barnes, 33°, of Providence, R. I. The membership of the College is restricted to 50, after which no one can be made, only in case of death. Members are elected once a year.

Nov., 26, '97.—The illustrious James H. Lewis, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of King Davids Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R. Valley, of New York, Northern Jurisdiction, resigned his position and membership from said body and joined the Southern and Western Masonic Jurisdiction, presided over by the illustrious John G. Jones, 33°, M. P. S. G. Commander. The illustrious Jas. Lewis, 33°, is one of the ablest colored Masons in the United States. He is the Grand Potentate of Medina Temple, W. T., and the second officer of the Imperial Council of A. A. O. N. M. S., for North and South America.

According to State Right System no Jurisdiction has a right to attempt to settle the differences of other Jurisdictions. In the near future there will be several splits in several states.

Nov., 28, '97.—St. Augustine Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Basis, Grand Rapids, Mich., tendered Noble Thos. W. Logan, 33°, of Kansas City, Mo., and Noble Earnest Hogan, of Chicago, Ill., Imperial Potentates and members of the Supreme Council, 33°, by giving them a fine banquet. Camels Milk was drawn from the Zem Zem well and placed in goat skins, made to order for the occasion.

Dec., 16, '97.—Harmony Lodge, No. 2, will dedicate its hall to St. John after the usual custom. The brethren are sparing nothing to make this a success.

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Hiram Abiff Lodge, No. 3, F. A. A. Masons, of Washington, D. C., have elected and installed the following officers for 1898: M. H. Hill, Worshipful Master; W. H. Thomas, Senior Warden; F. A. Jackson, Junior Warden; R. H. Moten, Treasurer; J. H. Richardson, Secretary; W. A. L. Mortan, Senior Deacon; Solomon Haskins, Junior Deacon; Wm. T. Hins, Senior Master of Ceremonies; A. J. Griffith, Junior Master of Ceremonies; Henry Schuler, Tyler. Among the prominent Masons present were: Grand Master J. N. Adams, Past Grand Masters J. B. Montgomery, 33°, of Virginia, and D. F. Seville, 33°, of Washington, D. C.; Past Masters, W. B. Brooks, 33°; Rev. Cypus, D. D., and others well known brethren. There was a good attendance. The officers were installed by Past Master E. W. Shields, 33°.

IMPERIAL DECREE

To all Nobles under the Domain of the Crescent and Mecca and Kalif Alea Temples, proclamation emerging from the Imperial Deputy for Oases, D. C. Whereas Mecca Temple will have its annual sermon preached on the third Sunday in December, at John Wesley Church, Connecticut Avenue, between L and M streets, Northwest, by Sharif Cypress, D. D. An invitation is extended to Kalif Alea. Each Noble will, in going, please follow the dress regulation as adopted by the Imperial Council, viz. Full dress, Fez and white gloves. Nobles appearing without fez will take position in rear of Nobles appearing with fez. The Shrine will assemble Sunday, December 19th, at their hall at 6 p. m. and march in a body visiting Shriners in the city from other Temples. Under the Domain of the Imperial Council for North and South America are invited to be present upon this occasion. In obedience to Imperial Decree given at our Mosque December 6th, 1897, in the year of the Hegira 1315, D. F. Seville, 33°, Deputy Oasis, D. C.; E. W. Shields, 33°, Assistant Imperial Corresponding Recorder.

A bogus body of Shriners has been made at Norfolk, Va. Nobles in the D. C., and throughout the country will take notice. This Shrine was created by certain expelled members of Mecca Temple. Please take notice of this Rasul, D. F. S.

Relative to bogus bodies we are prepared to prove that from a point of origin, a point of incorporate law, that the only simon pure Masonic bodies in the D. C., are the faction, nicknamed by our enlightened brethren, the Jones and Seville faction. The first thing some of our friends know they will know nothing.

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